

**STATEMENT OF DAN LOHR**  
**IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5506**

I am the Regional Vice President, Financial Services of William W. Backus Hospital located in Norwich, Connecticut. William W. Backus Hospital and Lawrence and Memorial Hospital brought an action to the Connecticut Supreme Court regarding the proper interpretation of the workers' compensation law as it related to hospital bills.

After many years of litigation, in March of 2015, the Connecticut Supreme Court ruled unanimously in favor of William W. Backus Hospital and Lawrence and Memorial Hospital.

These cases represented test cases and were to control the outcome in several thousand cases pending before the Workers' Compensation Commission on behalf of a number of Connecticut hospitals.

In June of 2015, in Public Act 15-5 §459, the implementer bill, a provision was included which some argue was intended to overrule the Supreme Court decision and to apply to the many cases pending before the Workers' Compensation Commission.

This action was taken without any input or even knowledge of our hospital that it was taking place.

If this implementer provision is allowed to stand, it may require the Workers' Compensation Commission to hold hearings in several thousand pending cases.

We hope that the General Assembly will make clear that it did not intend to overrule the Supreme Court's decision.

Dated at Norwich, Connecticut, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Daniel E. Lohr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Daniel" being the most prominent.

Dan Lohr